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**Change of Leadership Ceremony:  
Warden Naomi Williams  
At Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center**

***August 5 at 11 a.m.***

TOWSON, MD (August 4, 2008)---Correctional veteran Naomi Williams will be officially installed as the new warden of the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center at a Change of Leadership ceremony on Tuesday, August 5 at 11 a.m. Central Booking is located at the intersection of Madison Street and Fallsway.

Ms. Williams has had a distinguished 30-year career in corrections, beginning as a clerk at the Baltimore City Jail in 1978. Passing the test for the position of correctional officer a year later, Ms. Williams transitioned into the career in which she has now reached a coveted position of leadership.

As Warden of Central Booking, Ms. Williams is responsible for all operations in one of the ten busiest booking facilities in the United States. The center routinely processes between 200 and 300 arrestees a day. Everyone arrested in Baltimore City---or picked up on a Baltimore City warrant--- is brought there. Between 90- and 100,000 arrestees annually pass through Central Booking.

The facility is part of the Maryland Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, under the direction of Commissioner Howard Ray Jr. The Division includes all detainees in Baltimore City who are awaiting trial, as well as a small number of sentenced Division of Correction inmates.

Change of Leadership ceremonies were instituted by DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard in an effort to formally recognize the contributions of outgoing leaders and officially welcome new leaders.

Warden Williams replaces correctional veteran Mitch Franks, who retired from his post earlier this year.

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